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SUBJ: POSSIBLE FURTHER PRC PURCHASES OF US GRAIN

THROUGH FRANCE

REF: A) PEKING 0396 (NOTAL) B) STATE 115631 (NOTAL)

1. AT DINNER HOSTED BY VISITING CHASE MANHATTAN CHAIRMAN
ROKEFELLER (REF A) JUNE 28, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE
LI CHIANG TOLD ROCKEFELLER THAT PRC PLANS TO PURCHASE
ADDITIONAL US WHEAT THROUGH FRENCH BROKERS. LI GAVE NO TIME
FRAME BUT APPEARED TO REFER TO PLANNED PURCHASES OVER THE NEXT
FEW
WEEKS OR MONTHS.

2. ROCKEFELLER ASKED WHY PRC CONTINUES TO PURCHASE VIA
FRANCE, BUT LI DID NOT RESPOND. USLO DEPUTY CHIEF JENKINS
FOLLOWED ROCKEFELLER'S QUESTION BY ASKING ASSISTANT FOREIGN
MINISTER CHANG WEN- CHIN WHY PRC DOES NOT " DEAL DIRECT," BUT
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CHANG GAVE NONCOMMITAL RESPONSE. " PERHAPS THE ARRANGEMENTS
(TO BUY THROUGH FRANCE) ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY," CHANG SAID.

3. COMMENT: THUS PRC APPARENTLY PLANS FURTHER PURCHASES
FROM 1973 US CROP IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY CONTRACTED
(REF B). USLO HAS NO EXPLANATION FOR CONTINUATION OF PURCHASES
THROUGH FRENCH BROKERS OTHER THAN POSSIBILITY CHINESE LIKE THE
ARRANGEMENT AND SEEK TO AVOID PUBLICITY WHICH MIGHT OCCUR IF THEY
ENTERED THE US MARKET DIRECTLY.
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